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Examiner: PARKIN, Jeffrey S.

Confirmation No. 5247

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)		
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Marc ALIZON et al.)	Group Art Unit:	1648

Application No.: 08/026,736

Filed: March 5, 1993

For: CLONED DNA SEQUENCES RELATED TO THE GENOMIC RNA OF LYMPHADENOPATHY-ASSOCIATED VIRUS (LAV)

AND PROTEINS ENCODED BY SAID LAV GENOMIC RNA

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)

Applicants hereby request the above-identified application be examined according to the procedures set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a). This application meets the criteria set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) since it has an actual filing date of March 5, 1993, and is accompanied by a fee of \$790.00 as required by § 1.17(r).

Applicants hereby request that the finality of the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, be withdrawn that Response filed July 16, 2004, be entered and considered by the Examiner.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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